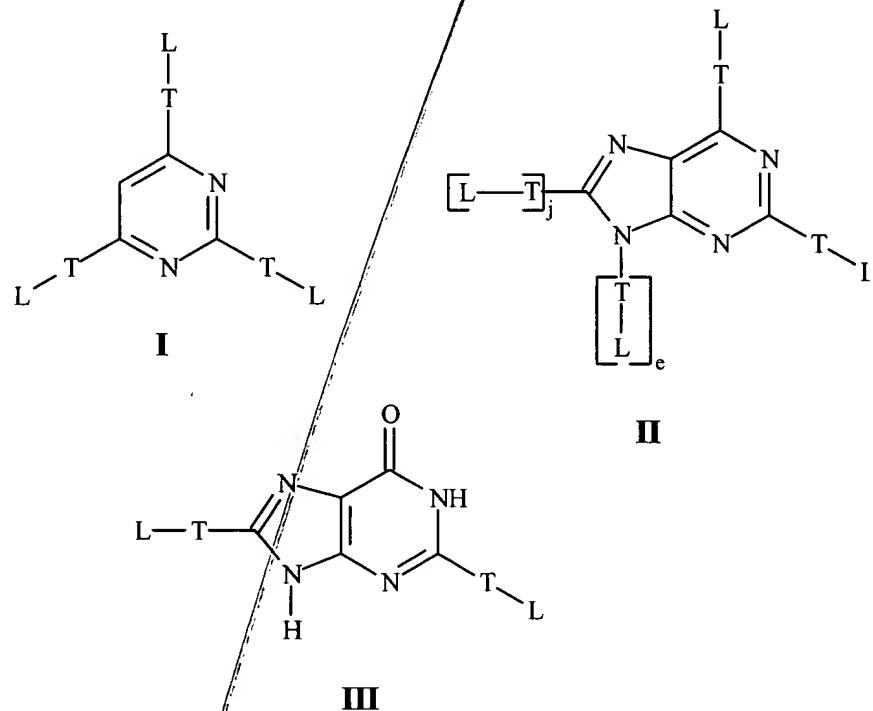


**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (Amended) A mixture comprising a set of at least six chemical compounds having a common heterocyclic scaffold bearing functionalizable atoms, wherein said set of compounds is represented by one of structures I, II or III:



wherein for structure I:

each tether moiety T is [a single bond or] -NH(R<sup>1</sup>)NH-, -NH(R<sup>1</sup>)O-, .NHR<sup>2</sup>NH-, -NHR<sup>2</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -NHR<sup>1</sup>-, -N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -N=N-, O, S, Se, -P(=O)(O)<sub>2</sub>, NH, OR<sup>2</sup>, OR<sup>3</sup>, malonato, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperidinylmethylene, piperazinyl, or morpholino;

R<sup>1</sup> is alkylene; R<sup>2</sup> is aryl; R<sup>3</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl; R<sup>4</sup> is alkylenoxy; and

each chemical substituent L is, independently, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> carbocyclic alkyl, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> carbocyclic alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl carbocyclic, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl

carbocyclic, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl carbocyclic, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl carbocyclic, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing saturated heterocycle, a substituted nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing saturated heterocycle, a benzo-fused heterocycle, a substituted benzo-fused heterocycle, a substituted or unsubstituted saturated mixed heterocycle; wherein each of the substituent groups is selected from a group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, benzyl, nitro, thiol, thioalkyl, thioalkoxy and halo; or L is, independently, piperazine, pyridazine, pyrazine, triazine, phthalimido, an ether having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 oxygen or sulfur atoms, [a metal coordination group, a conjugate group,] hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, thiol, keto, carboxyl, NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, CONR<sup>1</sup>, amidine, guanidine, glutamyl, nitro, nitrate, nitrile, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, NH-alkyl, N-dialkyl, O-aralkyl, S-aralkyl, NH-aralkyl, azido, hydrazino, hydroxylamino, sulfoxide, sulfone, sulfide, disulfide, silyl, a nucleosidic base, an amino acid side chain, or a carbohydrate[; a drug or a group capable of hydrogen bonding];

and for structures II and III:

each tether moiety T is [a single bond or] -NH(R<sup>1</sup>)NH-, -NH(R<sup>1</sup>)O-, -NHR<sup>2</sup>NH-, -NHR<sup>2</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -NHR<sup>1</sup>-, -N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -N=N-, O, S, Se, -P(=O)(O)<sub>2</sub>, NH, OR<sup>2</sup>, OR<sup>3</sup>, malonato, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pipérazinyl, morpholino, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, indolyl, 1H-indolyl,  $\alpha$ -carbolinyl, carbazolyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, tetrazolyl, or triazolyl;

R<sup>1</sup> is alkylene; R<sup>2</sup> is aryl; R<sup>3</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl; R<sup>4</sup> is alkyleneoxy; and

each chemical substituent L is, independently, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, substituted C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> carbocyclic alkyl, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> carbocyclic alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl carbocyclic, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl carbocyclic, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl carbocyclic, substituted C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkynyl carbocyclic, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> aryl, substituted C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing heterocycle, a substituted nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur containing heterocycle, a mixed heterocycle, or a substituted mixed heterocycle; wherein each of the substituent groups is selected from a group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, benzyl, nitro, thiol, thioalkyl, thioalkoxy and halo; or L is, independently, phthalimido, an ether having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1 to 4 oxygen or sulfur atoms, [a metal coordination group, a conjugate group,] hydrogen, halogen,